Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A locking system for a game machine comprising:

an IC tag for locking operation;

an IC tag for monitoring opening/closing operation;

an IC tag monitoring device that communicates with the IC tag for locking operation and the IC tag for monitoring opening/closing operation; and

a locking device that locks and unlocks a device based on a result of monitoring made by the IC tag monitoring device,

wherein said IC tag for locking operation stores identification data that is used for distinguishing the IC tag for locking operation from other IC tags,

wherein said IC tag for monitoring opening/closing operation stores identification data that is used for distinguishing the IC tag for monitoring opening/closing operation from other IC tags,

wherein said IC tag monitoring device includes

(1) a first transmission means for transmitting a calling wave for calling said IC tag for locking operation,

(2) a first reception means for receiving a reflected wave returned from said IC tag for locking operation,

(3) an antenna for key that is connected to said first transmission means and said first reception means,

(4) key determination means for determining proper reception of the reflected wave containing identification data within a specified period of time since the

transmission of the calling wave by the first transmission means and proper comparison of identification data of the reflected wave to data registered beforehand,

(5) a first output means for outputting the result of key determination made by the key determination means and key monitoring history data to the outside,

(6) a second transmission means for transmitting a calling wave for calling said IC tag for monitoring opening/closing operation,

(7) a second reception means for receiving a reflected wave returned from said IC tag for monitoring opening/closing operation,

(8) an antenna for monitoring connected to said second transmission means and said second reception means,

(9) an opening/closing operation determination means for determining proper reception by the second reception means, of the reflected wave, through comparison of the identification data of the reflected wave to data registered beforehand, and

(10) a second output means for outputting history data of monitoring opening/closing operation containing result of opening/closing operation determination by the opening/closing operation determination means to the outside,

wherein said key monitoring history data comprises at least one of a key insertion time, a key withdrawal time, and a key ID abnormal time, and

wherein said locking device comprises a key including said IC tag for locking operation and a lock that includes said antenna for key and into which said key is to be inserted.

2. (Previously Presented) A locking system according to claim 1, wherein said locking device comprises third reception means for receiving said result of key determination outputted from said first output means, and unlocking means for unlocking operation if said result of key determination received by said second reception means is normal.

3. (Previously Presented) A locking system according to claim 1, wherein said key monitoring history data comprising at least one of the key insertion time that is the time at which the communication unavailable state in which said first reception means cannot receive said reflected wave has changed into the communication available state in which said first reception means is configured to receive said reflected wave and identification data contained in the received reflected wave, the key withdrawal time that is the time at which said communication available state has changed into said communication unavailable state, and the key ID abnormal time that is the time at which identification data different from the registered data that is registered beforehand is received and identification data contained in the received reflected wave.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A locking system according to claim 1, wherein said IC tag monitoring device comprises annunciation means for making an annunciation if both of said result of key determination and said result of opening/closing operation determination are abnormal.

6. (Previously Presented) A locking system according to claim 1, wherein said antenna for monitoring is provided to a device main body in the vicinity of said IC tag for monitoring opening/closing operation if said IC tag is provided to said opening/closing member, and is provided to said opening/closing member in the vicinity of the IC tag for monitoring opening/closing operation if said IC tag is provided to said device main body, wherein said antenna for monitoring and said IC tag for monitoring opening/closing operation is configured to make communication with each other if said opening/closing member is in a closed state, and cannot make communication with each other if said opening/closing member is in an opened state.

7. (Previously Presented) A locking system according to claim 1, wherein said history data of monitoring opening/closing operation comprises at least one of the time of disappearance that is the point of time at which the communication available state in which said second reception means is configured to receive said reflected wave has changed into the communication unavailable state in which said second reception means cannot receive said reflected wave, the time of recovery that is the point of time at which said communication unavailable state has changed into said communication available state, and the time of ID abnormality that is the point of time at which identification data different from the registered data that has been registered beforehand has received.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A game machine comprising the locking system according to claim 1.

10. (Previously Presented) A device management system in which a device that includes the locking system according to claim 1 is connected with a management machine that manages the device via a network, wherein said management machine comprises monitoring history data reception means for receiving said result of key determination that is outputted from said first output means or said key monitoring history data, or for receiving said history data of monitoring opening/closing operation outputted from said second output means.

11. (Original) A device management system according to claim 10, wherein said management machine comprises monitoring history data storage means for storing said result of key determination or said key monitoring history data that said monitoring history data reception means has received or for storing said history data of monitoring opening/closing operation.

12. (Previously Presented) A device management system according to claim 10, wherein said management machine comprises monitoring history data output means for outputting said result of key determination or said key monitoring history data that said monitoring history data reception means has received or for outputting said history data of monitoring opening/closing operation.